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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Investigation of the Compensation Arrangements for the
Exchange of Traffic Directed to Internet Service Providers

05-TI-283

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Prehearing Conference Date:	Thursday, January 20, 2000 – 10:00 a.m.
Conference Location:	Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO investigate and determine what compensation arrangement should apply to Internet traffic that is directed to an Internet Service Provider (ISP) served by a competing local exchange carrier. Generally, an Internet call is dialed on a seven-digit basis and is directed to an ISP (or at least the ISP's point of presence) in the same local service area as the caller. In the past, several local exchange companies have disputed whether this traffic should be classified as local traffic or interexchange, interstate traffic.

This proceeding will not set reciprocal compensation rates for individual companies. The purpose of this proceeding is to establish a method for establishing the compensation for Internet traffic that individual parties will then apply in future negotiations and arbitrations of interconnection agreements in Wisconsin.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will hold a prehearing conference on Thursday, January 20, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Hearing Examiner. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

The prehearing conference is being held to: (1) identify persons who will actively participate as full parties; (2) identify issues; (3) determine the date and time for a hearing; (4) specify dates for filing testimony and exhibits; and (5) any other matters that will facilitate the hearing.

Full parties will be bound by the designation of issues and the schedule adopted at the prehearing conference. Persons who consider themselves to be potential full parties should participate in the prehearing conference. Persons who desire to actively participate as full parties must request full party status in writing. Full party status requests should be addressed to Jeffrey J. Patzke, Administrative Law Judge, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is not a contested case but will be conducted according to the procedures for Class 1 proceedings as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Dennis Klaila at (608) 267-9780.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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